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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 21 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Morning* 4379th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 14 September 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/868)

3 p.m. 4380th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in the Central African Republic

Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the situation in the Central African Republic pursuant to the statement by the President (S/2001/886)

* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY*Fifty-sixth session*

10 a.m.

6th PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [97 (c)]:

Mongolia
 Bangladesh
 Paraguay
 Yemen
 Czech Republic
 Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
 Thailand
 Nepal
 Nauru
 Guatemala
 Maldives
 Myanmar
 Bolivia
 Nigeria

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
 AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. -
 1 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
 Room 10

3 p.m. -
 6 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
 Room 10

Subject

Executive session on the Board of Auditors

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 21 September 2001

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
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LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
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ARAB GROUP

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
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LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (informal consultations)

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 24 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	7th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	8th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/56/1) [10]:

- (a) Presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization
- (b) Debate

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 26 September 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/56/L.1*.

* To be issued.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Thursday, 27 September 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.3/56/L.1*, in the light of the Chairman's consultations.

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its second meeting on Wednesday, 26 September 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 3, with a view to electing its Bureau.

The eighth session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 24 September to 5 October 2001, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/155 of 12 December 2000.

The resumed third session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued in document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Commission, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 959-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process of the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development website (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela (Lesotho) will be held on Tuesday, 25 September 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

In the light of the decision taken by the General Assembly to schedule the general debate of its fifty-sixth session for later dates, the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), which was to be held from 25 to 27 September 2001 in New York, will also be scheduled for later dates.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Fifth session

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 1 to 12 October 2001 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The session will be opened on Monday, 1 October, at 3 p.m. A general exchange of views by Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies is expected to take place at the opening meeting. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 October.

The list of speakers for the opening meeting and special segment will be open until Tuesday, 25 September 2001. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel.: (212) 963-2319; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: fidler@un.org). The list will be reopened in Geneva on Monday, 1 October (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

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FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate

At its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly was informed by its President that he had consulted with the Chairmen of regional groups and it was understood that the general debate, which had been envisaged to take place from Monday, 24 September, to Friday, 5 October 2001, would be scheduled for later dates.

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POSTPONEMENT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN

By its decision 56/401 of 12 September 2001, the General Assembly decided to postpone its special session on children to a date to be decided by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session. All side events related to the special session are also postponed.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Third Committee agenda items*) on Monday, 24 September 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Monday, 24 September 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Monday, 24 September 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Monday, 24 September 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) will hold a seminar on "Time to Control Tactical Nuclear Weapons" on Monday, 24 September 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please call (212) 963-2874.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs are jointly conducting a workshop on the World Summit for Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Summit). This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 4 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday, 5 October, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Thursday, 27 September 2001. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

As from Tuesday, 4 September 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

The Web site of the French presidency of the Security Council (available in French and in English) can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/france>.

The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> or <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

3rd plenary meeting

Organization of work of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of the items: first report of the General Committee (A/56/250) [8]

The General Assembly considered the first report of the General Committee circulated in document A/56/250.

Introduction (Section I)

Organization of the session (Section II)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions and approved the recommendations contained in Sections I and II of the report of the General Committee.

However, with regard to the dates of the general debate, the President informed the General Assembly that he had consulted the Chairmen of the regional groups and that it was understood that the general debate, which was envisaged to take place from Monday, 24 September to Friday, 5 October 2001, would be scheduled for later dates. The President further informed the Assembly that the new dates for the general debate would be decided as soon as possible, in close consultations with the host country and Member States.

In this connection, inasmuch as paragraph 31 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 51/241 stipulates that "Main Committees shall meet in substantive sessions only after the end of the general debate", the Assembly decided that the Main Committees should meet in substantive sessions as soon as possible at the fifty-sixth session.

Adoption of the agenda (Section III)

The President of the General Assembly recalled rule 23 of the rules of procedures.

The General Assembly decided that it would direct its Main Committees to review their agenda with a view to streamlining their programme of work.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 to include a new item 21 entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", with items 21 to 32 of the draft agenda becoming sub-items (a) to (1) of new item 21.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60, that the consideration of item 106 be deferred to the fifty-seventh session and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 61 to include item 182.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 62 to include item 183.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 63 to include item 184 in the agenda of the current session as sub-item (m) of new item 21.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 64 to include item 185.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 65 to include item 186.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 66 to include item 187.

In paragraph 67, the General Assembly was informed that the General Committee had decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 188.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 68 to include item 189.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 69 to include item 190.

Inclusion of items

The General Assembly then proceeded to consider the agenda recommended for adoption by the General Committee in paragraph 70 of its report (A/56/250) and consisting of 176 items.

Items 1 to 6

The General Assembly took note of the fact that items 1 to 6 had already been acted upon in plenary meeting and their inclusion approved.

Items 7 to 176

The General Assembly approved the inclusion in the agenda of items 7 to 176.

Allocation of the items (Section IV)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions contained in paragraphs 71 to 74 of the report of the General Committee (A/56/250).

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The General Assembly decided, on the proposal by Belgium, that the initial debate on item 166 would be held in the plenary as early as possible, on the understanding that the consideration of the technical aspects of the item would remain in the Sixth Committee.

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

The President recalled that the item numbers mentioned in subsequent paragraphs referred to the agenda which appeared in paragraph 70 of the report of the General Committee (A/56/250).

In regard to item 10, inasmuch as paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241 stipulates that "the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization shall be considered in plenary meetings of the General Assembly immediately after the general debate" and in view of the scheduling of the general debate for future dates, the General Assembly decided that it would begin consideration of item 10 on Monday, 24 September 2001. Furthermore, inasmuch as paragraph 10 of the annex to resolution 51/241 requests "the Secretary-General to introduce the report orally at an appropriate time" and since at previous sessions the General Assembly had heard a brief presentation by the Secretary-General on his annual report in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate, the General Assembly was informed that the first order of business under item 10 would be the brief presentation by the Secretary-General on his annual report.

Also in regard to item 10, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 14 of the annex to resolution 55/285.

In regard to item 18, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 78 (b).

In regard to item 21, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 78 (c).

In regard to item 25, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 78 (d).

In regard to item 45, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 78 (e).

In regard to item 62, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 78 (f).

In regard to item 171, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 78 (g).

In regard to item 175, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 78 (h).

In regard to item 74, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 79.

In regard to item 97 (c), the General Assembly took note of paragraph 80.

In regard to item 27, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 81 (a).

In regard to item 108, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 81 (b).

In regard to item 112, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 81 (c).

In paragraph 82 the General Assembly was informed that the General Committee had decided to defer its recommendation on the allocation of item 169.

In regard to item 170, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (a).

In regard to item 172, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (b).

In regard to item 173, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (c).

In regard to item 174, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (d).

In regard to item 176, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 83 (e).

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of the items listed in paragraph 84 for consideration directly in the plenary meeting.

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 84 for the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Committees.

The President made a statement.

Thursday, 20 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4376th (closed) meeting

Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Fernando da Piedade Dias dos Santos, Minister of Interior of Angola

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4376th meeting, held in private at 3 p.m. on 20 September 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled "Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Fernando da Piedade Dias dos Santos, Minister of the Interior of Angola".

"In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, the President extended an invitation to His Excellency Mr. Fernando da Piedade Dias dos Santos, Minister of the Interior of Angola.

"The members of the Security Council had a constructive interactive discussion with the Minister of the Interior of Angola."

4377th meeting

The situation in Angola

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/24).

4378th (closed) meeting

The situation in Burundi

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4378th meeting, held in private on 20 September 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in Burundi".

"The Security Council heard briefings under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure by the Representative of the Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Process, Judge Mark Bom, and the Representative of the Facilitator to the Implementation Monitoring Committee, Professor Nicholas Haysom.

"The members of the Security Council had a constructive interactive discussion with the Representative of the Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Process and the Representative of the Facilitator to the Implementation Monitoring Committee."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

4th and 5th plenary meetings

Note: The summary of the 4th and 5th plenary meetings will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/183).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Rwanda (19 September 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Ratification: Costa Rica (20 September 2001)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Signature: Panama (20 September 2001)

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Luxembourg (20 September 2001)

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Signature: Spain (20 September 2001)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the light of the tragic event of last week, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations regrets to inform that the official opening of the exhibit "Amazed World", scheduled for today, 21 September 2001, has been cancelled. However, the exhibit can be viewed by members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media in the Visitors' Lobby of the Secretariat building until 29 October 2001. As soon as the building is open to the public, visitors will also be able to view the exhibit.

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In the light of the tragic event of last week, the exhibit "Playgrounds and Toys for Children", organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations, has been cancelled. However, the exhibit can be viewed by members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media in the Visitors' Lobby of the Secretariat building until 18 November 2001. As soon as the building is open to the public, visitors will also be able to view the exhibit.

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In commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjöld, second Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library has launched a multi-media Web site honouring his years of service to the Organization (1953-1961) ([http:// www.un.org/Depts/dhl/dag/](http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/dag/)).

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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